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Hon Edward I. Koch
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Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Koch:

Thank you for your hospitality on the occasion of the breakfast meeting on CBW. I hope we are not being too optimistic in the feeling that we may be getting somewhere on this issue, and I am deeply grateful for your interest in it. *Can I do anything more?*

I also just noticed your remarks on the NSF and other science programs in the Congressional Record for June 24, which I found most thoughtful and well directed. It is very difficult for me to understand the penny-wise, pound-foolish attitudes underlying the vote here, in contrast to the irresistible urge to spend billions on the ABM. I can't help feel that there are unstated resentments that have nothing to do with fiscal economy. Even Mr. Daddadario's emphasis on the routing of the restored funds to institutional grants for the particular benefit of the smaller schools seemed to fall on deaf ears. (I am not so naive as to think that these matters are usually settled on the floor of the whole house.) It puzzled me that the final vote on the Giamo amendment (C/R p. H5146) was taken in the Committee of the Whole by only 31:72, a very small part of the membership. Is this customary, or would it have made no difference anyhow.

Sincerely
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